

REV. WILLIAM C. THURMAN, "THE PROPHET".  
Picture of the veteran founder of "Thurmanism," who died here yesterday, resting in the State Library.

# AN AGED PROPHET HAS PASSED AWAY

Founder of the Order of "Thurmanites" Dies in City Home.

TWICE FIXED DATES FOR END OF WORLD

First Prediction Caused Great Excitement in Chicago, but He Explained That He Had Miscalculated—A Native of Virginia.

Rev. William C. Thurman died at the City Home at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and his body will be laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery. The funeral will take place from the Home Chapel at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

William C. Thurman was a man with quite a remarkable history. He attracted a great deal of attention at one time in his life as a later day prophet, and his theory of calculation upon partially hidden data furnished by the inspired writers found many believers, some of whom believed in him to the last. His prophecy that the millennium was to come to hand in 1876 was believed by thousands of people. The failure of his prediction caused nearly all of his followers to desert him, and while the failure was to him a disappointment and a great humiliation, it never caused him to abandon his theory. He was not long in reaching the conclusion that the only trouble was that he had misinterpreted some of the inspired writers as to dates, misread some of the signs, failed to make just the right astronomical calculations, and thus miscalculated the date of the end of the world by nearly fifty years.

Another Prophet.  
Mr. Thurman later fixed the date for 1917, but his followers found him and more plausible prophet—certainly one who had not yet made a failure—came along and fixed the date of the millennium for the year 1914. This prophet, whose name is C. T. Russell, found many followers and believers, and Thurman had become a back seat. However, there are numbers—many of them living in Richmond and other parts of Virginia—who still believe in the Thurman theory that the second coming of Christ and the end of the world in its present condition has been definitely fixed for the year 1917.

Founder of "Thurmanites."  
William C. Thurman was born in Albemarle county, Va., in November, 1820. His parents were fairly well-to-do people, and he and his brothers received such education as the common schools of that day and time afforded. Mr. Thurman, at the age of eighteen, commenced to preach the gospel, being a Baptist. Later he became a Dunkard, and practically remained in that faith all of his life, although when he went off to his millennium theories that church took but little more stock in him.

Mr. Thurman became a "Millite," or a believer in and follower of the millennium prophet named Hugh Miller. There were thousands of "Millites" in Virginia who implicitly believed Miller's prophecy that the world would end in 1844. Young Thurman, whose studious habits had made him something of a scholar, as well as an orator, was one of Miller's ablest lieutenants. When the world did not end on the Miller date, and the prophet retired in disgrace, Thurman commenced to study out the problem for himself. He believed Miller's theory was all right and that he had merely miscalculated. He drifted to the West, and in Illinois he in time became a great prophet.

Considerable of an Author.  
He wrote many pamphlets and several very interesting books, the cost of publication of which was borne by his followers, who had become known as "Thurmanites," and these documents were circulated freely by his literary efforts. Mr. Thurman's most famous book was entitled "Sealed Book of Daniel Opened." In this book, as well as in pamphlets issued about the same time, he claimed to have found where, and how, he had made his miscalculation, and this new latter-day prophet fixed the date for the end of sinful times specifically for a certain day in 1876.

At that time he must have had 20,000 followers and believers, possibly half of whom were in Chicago, where Thurman lived. On the date fixed thousands of people sat upon the roofs of their houses to watch for the second coming of the Lord.

Disappointed Man.  
When the prophecy failed, Thurman, like Miller, was in disgrace, and the

# SHOT DOWN BY IRATE HUSBAND

The Thaw-White Tragedy Duplicated at the Depot in Bristol.

JOHN ORR SHOTS GEORGE JONES

The Slayer's Wife on the Train About to Take a Trip With Jones, Who Was Attacked While on Platform About to Leave With Her.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, VA., July 2.—The Thaw-White tragedy was in a manner duplicated at the Union Station in Bristol this afternoon, when John Orr, a mechanic, rushed upon George Jones, a stone-cutter, on the depot platform, and fired three shots from a 32-caliber revolver into Jones's body at close range. Jones sank to the platform and blood issued from his mouth as the result of internal hemorrhages. One ball penetrated his head, entering behind the right ear, while the two other shots entered his back, ranging upward through his lungs and coming out through his breast.

Deliberate Shooting.  
The deliberate shooting was due to the alleged intimacy of Jones with Orr's wife. It seems that Jones and Mrs. Orr had planned to go away on a trip, and Mrs. Orr had entered a coach of an east-bound train on the Norfolk and Western Railway. The train was ready to start and Jones was in the act of getting aboard when he was shot. As he fell Jones dropped his railway ticket on the platform, and it was for Rural Retreat, Va., the same place Mrs. Orr was supposed to be going.

Dying Statement.  
Orr ran after the shooting, but was arrested and locked up. He said he shot Jones because the latter had ruined his life. Jones was still alive early to-night, but cannot recover. He gave out as his dying statement that he had nothing against Orr, but said Orr had attacked him once to-day before the shooting. After the shooting Orr's wife left the train, abandoning her contemplated trip.

# FAMILY OF EIGHT, ON WAY TO CARNIVAL, DROWNED

(By Associated Press.)  
DURANGO, COLO., July 2.—Leonard Boat, his wife and six children were drowned while attempting to ford the Animas River, near Cedar Hill, New Mexico, to-day. The family had started for Durango to attend a street carnival.

# WEALTHY SOCIETYMAN TRIES TO END OWN LIFE

Robert McKnight, Friend of Harry Thaw, Shoots Himself in Pittsburgh.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PITTSBURGH, PA., July 2.—Robert McKnight, one of the best known and wealthiest young men of Pittsburgh, last evening made an attempt to end his life by shooting. In the beautiful suite of rooms he occupied at the home of his father, Harry C. McKnight, he fired two bullets into his head and fell unconscious. As he was still shooting at himself the third bullet passed through the ceiling. It is said at the hospital to-night that McKnight cannot live.

Every effort has been made by the relatives of the young man to keep the matter quiet and it was not until to-day that the report of the shooting was made public by the police. Robert McKnight is a son of Harry C. McKnight, whose family is one of the most prominent and wealthy in Pittsburgh. They are in the same social circle as the Thaw family, and have been friends of Harry C. Thaw. It was asserted vigorously that the shooting was only an accident. McKnight's family say the young man has been suffering from nervous prostration for some time.

# COUNCIL IS FOR LARGE BUILDING

Lower Branch Votes for Entire Block for High School.

ONLY ONE VOTE IN OPPOSITION

Board Will Concur Next Tuesday, and Acquisition of Property Will Be Pushed—Amended Ordinance of Fair Association is Adopted.

By a vote that was almost unanimous, the Common Council last night adopted the resolution instructing the City Attorney to proceed at once to acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation all of the southern half of the square bounded by Eighth, Ninth, Marshall and Clay streets for a new high school site. The northern portion of the property has already been acquired by the city, and most of the buildings thereon razed.

The resolution passed by the Council will go to the Board next Tuesday night, where it will surely be concurred in. This increases the building of a splendid high school structure by the city at an early date.

There were other matters of interest acted upon by the body, but none of so much public interest as this. After rejecting the supplemental ordinance of the Virginia State Fair Association, the Council reconsidered its action, modified the ordinance in some respects, and then unanimously adopted it.

Was Finally Passed.  
The amended proposition strikes out the provision that, if the ten-year lease is not renewed, the city is to pay the association 75 per cent. of the cost of improvements. The Council voted to accept Mr. John P. Branch's offer to give the city public baths, and the municipal electric light plant matter went to the Finance Committee. A petition for 35 more police officers was likewise referred.

President Z. L. Peters called the Common Council to order at 9 o'clock, and a quorum of members responded to their names. The report of the Street Committee was the first read, and, upon the recommendation of this body, a number of improvements were ordered.

An ordinance, offered by Mr. Mills, prohibiting railroad companies from unloading and loading cars on the streets and alleys of the city, except on spur tracks that are adjacent to the property of the railroad, was recommitted after some discussion.

Rap at Commission.  
Mr. W. L. White took a shot at the Corporation Commission. Messrs. Mills and Pollock had said the commission was now proceeding to require the companies to provide proper ward facilities for their patrons. Mr. White expressed utter surprise that the commission should have mentioned in this connection.

"The members of that body, as I understand it," he went on, "are not criterion when it comes to legal matters. According to the opinion of some of the best lawyers in the city, the commission had no authority for its action in a recent case."

Mr. White had reference to the action of the commission in the case of Insurance Commissioner-elect Joseph Burton, and a smile visited the countenances of a number of his colleagues.

Sell the Warehouse.  
The resolution providing for the sale of the Seaboard Warehouse caused some discussion. President Peters (Mr. Spencer in the chair) taking strong ground against the proposed sale.

Mr. Pollard offered an amendment providing that the sale be at public auction, and others took the same position. The resolution was adopted.

Property for State Fair.  
The ordinance and substitute relating to the buying of property for the Virginia State Fair at a cost of \$50,000 were read. The substitute is a compromise proposition agreed to by the fair people. It gives the Fair Association the right to renew its lease at the end of ten years, but in case it is not renewed, the city shall pay the association seventy-five per cent. of the cost of the buildings.

The annual rental shall be equal to four per cent. of the cost of the property. The price fixed is \$500 per acre. Mr. Elliott advocated the substitute ordinance in (Continued on Fourth Page.)

# DIAGRAM OF WRECK AT ENGLISH STATION WHERE MANY AMERICANS WERE KILLED

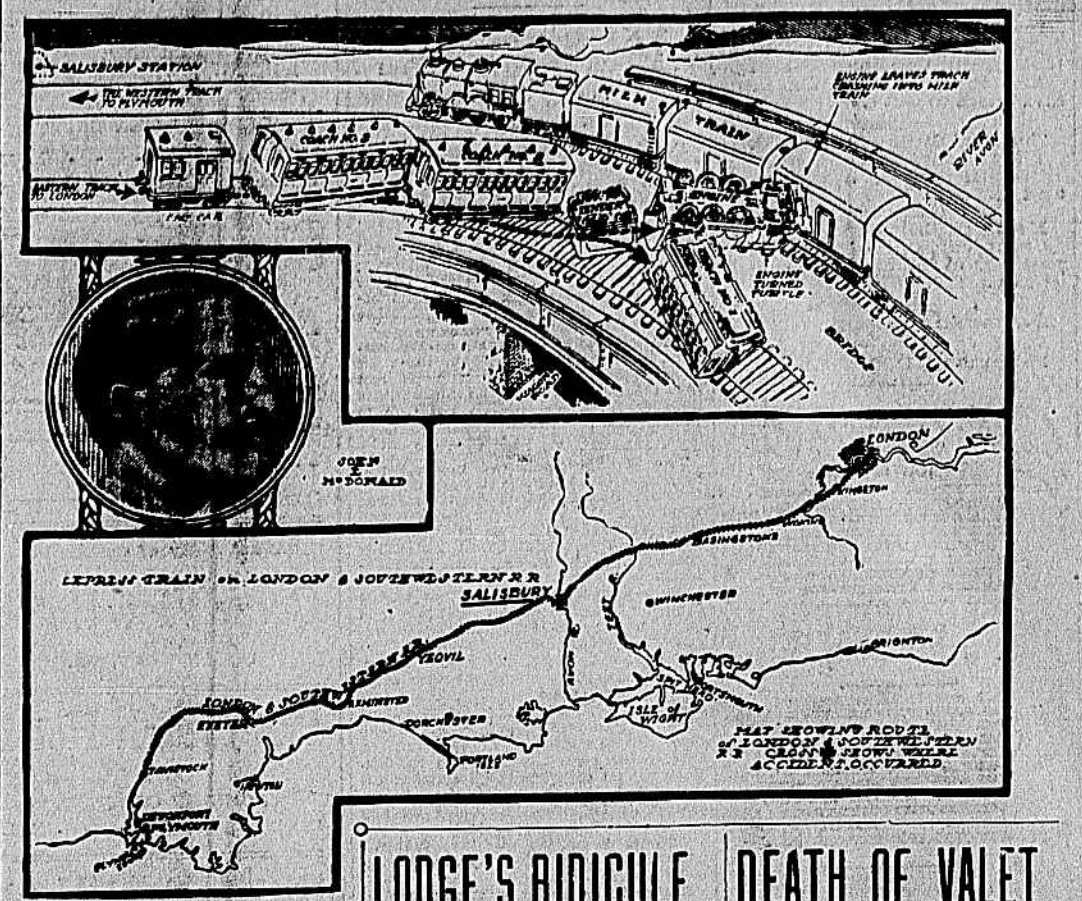


Diagram of the wreck drawn from telegraphic descriptions. Map of the route of the London & Southwestern Railway. John E. McDonald, prominent American horseman, one of the dead.

# CAUSE OF WRECK STILL UNKNOWN

Rails on Which Disaster Occurred Examined Inch by Inch Without Result.

# PITIFUL SCENES AT MORGUE

Steamship Line Makes Disavowal of Liability—Condition of the Injured.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, July 3.—The London newspapers this morning again keenly discuss the causes of the disaster to the Plymouth Express train and the rumors of speed competition. Great attention is devoted to the evidence of George A. Strachan, of Boston, Mass., in a published interview, to the effect that the speed of the train was so great that he had a strong inclination to pull the alarm cord, but that on the advice of friends he refrained from doing so.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, July 2.—Albert W. Swalm, the American consul at Southampton, telegraphed to the embassy from Salisbury this morning that only two bodies of the victims of Sunday's railroad disaster were unclaimed; that all the injured were doing well; that six embalmers had been employed; that the coroner's identification of the bodies of the American victims was complete, and that everything being well looked after by the authorities.

At the inquest to-day it was ascertained that W. H. Thompson was an English butler; that Louis Goepfinger was a German commercial traveler, and that John Keeler was a music hall entertainer of Brooklyn, N. Y.

This evening's bulletin from the infirmary says the cases of R. S. Critchell, of Chicago; Miss M. Rask, of Norfolk Street, Park Lane, London; and Miss I. S. Griswold, of Borough Heath, Eng., are critical. Not much hope is entertained for the recovery of Mr. Critchell.

Cause Unknown.  
The inquest was held in the City Hall.

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# LODGE'S RIDICULE ANGRERS ATTORNEY

Matter "Quite Unimportant," Says Senator After Leaving Grand Jury.

PERJURY; DECLARES MORAN

Secretary of Lodge Sentenced to Serve Ten Months in House of Correction.

(By Associated Press.)  
BOSTON, July 2.—United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who was summoned to appear before the grand jury of Suffolk county in an investigation into campaign contributions by District Attorney John B. Moran, came to the courtroom to-day. The Senator had been called to appear to-morrow, but arrangement was made to meet the district attorney to-day instead.

The investigation is a development of the case of Robert G. Proctor, who last week was convicted of the larceny of \$235, which John C. Besagen, of Quincy, declared he had given Proctor, who was Senator Lodge's secretary, as a contribution to the Republican State campaign fund in 1904. Several prominent Republicans, including officers of the State committee, were summoned to appear before the grand jury to-morrow.

District Attorney Angry.  
Senator Lodge was escorted into the grand jury room by the district attorney. He remained for about four minutes. Upon departing, he said that he could not disclose the nature of the questions asked him. He could say, however, that the subject seemed to him to be "quite unimportant" and upon which he could give no information. He said it was his understanding that the district attorney's purpose was to secure the testimony of the members of the Republican State Committee concerning certain campaign contributions.

When District Attorney Moran learned that Mr. Lodge had expressed his opinion that the matter was unimportant, Mr. Moran said with considerable heat: "If perjury is unimportant, then the subject matter of the investigation is unimportant."

Judge DeCoursey, in the Superior Court, before whom Proctor was tried, to-day refused to grant a new trial for Proctor. Later Judge DeCoursey sentenced Proctor to serve ten months in the House of Correction. It is understood that the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

# PALESTINE IS OPENED TO JEWS BY SULTAN

Action Will Likely Give Great Impetus to Emigration from Russia.

(By Associated Press.)  
TORONTO, July 2.—At the opening of the seventh annual convention of the Federation of Zionist Societies in Canada here, President Deslois, of Montreal, announced that the Sultan of Turkey had revoked the laws forbidding Jews to settle in Palestine. He did not wish to understand that they had received a charter, but it was now possible for Jews to inhabit the country and enjoy the protection of its laws. He predicted that the Sultan's action would give a great impetus to emigration from Russia.

SIX HUNDRED REBELS KILLED IN NATAL FIGHT

(By Associated Press.)  
DURBAN, NATAL, July 2.—The Natal revolt continues to be serious. A heavy engagement occurred Sunday outside of a town in a mining camp a few miles east of this place last night.

Following the murders a general riot occurred, in which a number of others were badly cut and beaten. Zulus' assailants escaped.

# DEATH OF VALET BLOW TO JEROME

Thaw's Man Bedford Dies in Hospital, Leaving Statement With Attorney.

TRIAL NOT UNTIL OCTOBER

Mrs. Thaw Again Examined, and on Point of Collapse—What Detective Says.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, July 2.—That there is no prospect of a speedy trial for Harry Kendall Thaw was announced to-day by District Attorney Jerome, who returned to town for two days to devote his personal attention to the case. Owing to the fact that during the summer there are only two parts of the Court of General Sessions in session, and that the trial would probably last two or three weeks, the District Attorney decided not to advance the Thaw case on the calendar. Thaw will hardly be arraigned before October.

Mrs. Thaw "on the Rack."  
The exact line of defense of Harry K. Thaw hinges on one point, and one alone—whether White intruded his attentions upon Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, or attacked her character as a wife. If the efforts of the lawyers who have been retained by the Thaw million, establish beyond doubt the fact that White did either that will be the sole defense offered at Thaw's trial.

Mrs. Thaw was "on the rack" for two hours to-day, and her examination was thorough. She was on the point of collapse. During her examination, she collapsed. During her examination, she collapsed. During her examination, she collapsed.

It developed to-day that Thaw's lawyers have in their possession a ring taken from the finger of White by the coroner and turned over to Thaw's lawyers by one of the lawyers first to appear in the interest of White. The trinket is one that could not very well be worn in polite society, nor the subject illuminated by it.

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# "MURDERER" SHOUTS HOUSE

Riotous Scene in Russian Parliament Follows Appearance of Pavloff.

DRIVE MILITARY PROCURATOR OUT

Premier Summoned to Peterhof. Treppoff Said to Be in Disgrace—Warsaw Terrorists Kill Four—Government Accepts Laws.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, July 2.—The afternoon sitting of the lower house of Parliament to-day, which was devoted to the discussion of the law providing for the abolition of the death penalty, broke up in utter disorder when General Pavloff, the military procurator, attempted to address the house in behalf of War Minister Rudiger. His appearance in the tribune was the signal for an outburst of cries of "Murderer!" "Assassin!" "Organizer of Jewish massacres!" etc., from the members of the Group of Toli, in which the entire left joined. The members of the house pounded their desks, shouted, whistled, and resorted to every violent means of showing their displeasure. General Pavloff, after listening to President Nouramissie bowled, half-smiling, signified his acceptance of the situation, and left the tribune.

M. Mourmentoff, who appeared to be thoroughly angered at the demonstration, endeavored to quell it with his voice and the violent ringing of the bell used in calling the House to order, but he abandoned his fruitless task and left the chair, signifying that the session was adjourned.

General Pavloff, who remained in the House, said he was willing to make any other effort to deliver his speech, if M. Mourmentoff so decided.

The First Test.  
The passage by the lower house to-day of its third reading of the bill abolishing the death penalty, the final vote on the measure occupying only eight minutes, offers the first test of the attitude of the centrists in the Council of the Empire. The bill will come up before that body at Thursday's session.

The centrists will be held in check by the question whether to attempt to push it through, and also a final decision as to the resolution as to the lack of confidence in the ministry.

Will Drive Him Out.  
Immediately after the session had been broken up, the Group of Toli and the Constitutional Democrats called caucuses of their respective parties. The Group of Toli decided to make a noisy session every time Pavloff reappears, holding that it is better to drive out one man than have the whole party go out, as they cannot listen to the words of a murderer.

The Constitutional Democrats agreed to try to dissuade Pavloff from making a noisy session, and endeavor to persuade him, if they cannot listen to Pavloff, to leave the House.

M. Sturmer, now a member of the upper house and formerly an assistant of the late Interior Minister von Plehve, who has returned here after making a tour of the interior, has found the peasants more tranquil than the reports indicated. They seemed ready to await the promised agrarian reform, and he found only a few of the peasants in favor of the nationalization of land.

Treppoff in Disgrace.  
Premier Goremykin was summoned to Peterhof this afternoon, presumably in connection with the reorganization of the cabinet.

The Bourgeois Gazette to-day says it is rumored that General Treppoff, commander of the Kronstadt fleet, has fallen into imperial disfavor and is leaving Peterhof. Interior Minister Stolypin, who, more than any other member of the cabinet, has been anxious to appease Parliament by an attitude of frankness, publicly announced to-day in behalf of the government, is prepared to accept the laws which the lower house is considering for establishing liberty of conscience and freedom of meetings and associations.

Fresh Disorders.  
Fresh disorders are reported to have occurred among the sailors of the Eighteenth Division, who were the ring leaders of the Kronstadt mutiny. The outbreak arose, ostensibly, owing to the bad food, but this, of course, is a mere pretext. Nevertheless the demands of the men were satisfied, and the trouble is said to have subsided.

Terrorists, Carrying Out Plans, Kill Two Officers, Gendarmes, and Infantry Captain.

(By Associated Press.)  
WARSAW, RUSSIAN POLAND, July 2.—The recent rumors that the terrorists were organizing a general slaughter of the United States in the city, in consequence of the attacks made on the police, the latter had been withdrawn from the streets, which are now patrolled by infantry.

This evening terrorists shot and killed a gendarme and an infantry captain named Tobolsky, the latter having been accused by revolutionary papers of commanding platoons at executions. The assassins escaped.

HOME-COMING DAY FOR IRISH-AMERICANS

(By Associated Press.)  
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 2.—The Birmingham Council, Knights of Columbus, to-night launched a home-coming movement for Irish-Americans, which will be submitted to every council in the United States. It is proposed to set aside July 4th at the Dublin Exposition next year as "Home-coming Day" for Irish-Americans.